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SUBJECT: OECD OIL APPORTIONMENT PROPOSAL

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1. AT LAST OECD OIL COMMITTEE MEETING THE NON- EUROPEAN
MEMBERS (US, CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN) AGREED TO
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ATTEMPT DRAFT PLAN ACCEPTABLE TO THEM FOR JOINING IN AN OECD- WIDE VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT TO SHARE OIL IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY. THE PLAN THEN WOULD BE SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE EUROPEAN MEMBERS AT THE NEXT OIL COMMITTEE MEETING, NOW SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN PARIS BEGINNING JUNE 13. THE USG WAS ASKED TO TAKE LEAD IN THIS EFFORT.

2. IN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS, US AND CANADA AGREED THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS A SHARING AGREEMENT BASED ON CRUDE OIL AND PRODUCTS MOVING OVER WATER IN WORLD TRADE (IMPORTS). THE US/ CANADIAN POSITION WAS TRANSMITTED TO ACTION ADDRESSEES AND TO HOST GOVERNMENT FOR COMMENT THROUGH THEIR WASHINGTON EMBASSIES (REFTEL).

3. THE JAPANESE, ALTHOUGH WARY CONCERNING POSSIBLE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OPINION OPEC SUPPLIERS, HAVE AGREED, IN PRINCIPLE, WITH US/ CANADIAN POSITION. HOWEVER, JAPANESE DESIRE THAT SHARING BE BASED ON CONSUMPTION RATHER THAN IMPORTS. DESPITE THIS BASIC DIFFERENCE ON BASIS FOR

BURDEN SHARING, WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY GOJ EMBASSY WASHINGTON THAT JAPAN BELIEVES SOME UNDERSTANDING ON SHARING IS DESIRABLE AND THAT GOJ IS PREPARED, ALONG WITH US AND CANADA, TO ENTER INTO TALKS WITH EUROPEANS ON SUBJECT WITHIN THE OECD OIL COMMITTEE FORUM. NO DEFINITIVE RESPONSE HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED FROM AUSTRALIANS.

4. IN CONSULTATION WITH HOST GOVERNMENT EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON, IT WAS AGREED THAT US WOULD DRAFT BRIEF FOUR- PARTY STATEMENT WHICH COULD BE USED TO INFORM EUROPEAN MEMBERS OECD EITHER AT OR IN ADVANCE OF JUNE 13 OIL COMMITTEE MEETING OF AGREED POSITION ON SHARING. DRAFT FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH. ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED. TO BRING DRAFT TO ATTENTION APPROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FOR THEIR COMMENT. USG WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING COMMENT AND/ OR PROPOSED CHANGES FROM HOST GOVERNMENTS NOT LATER THAN MAY 30 AND AUTHORIZATION TO INFORMALLY ADVISE EC COMMISSIONER SIMONET (WHO WILL BE VISITING WASHINGTON MAY 31) OF NATURE RESPONSE BY NON- EUROPEAN MEMBERS. ACTION ADDRESSEE EMBASSIES SHOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENSURE THAT HOST GOVERNMENT RESPONSE IS CONVEYED TO DEPARTMENT THROUGH THEM.

5. SUGGESTED TEXT JOINT STATEMENT: QUOTE AS REQUESTED AT THE LAST OECD OIL COMMITTEE MEETING, THE GOVERNMENTS OF AUSTRALIA, CANADA, JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE CONSULTED CONCERNING THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THEY WOULD

BE WILLING TO CONSIDER JOINING INTO AN OECD- WIDE VOLUNTARY
AGREEMENT TO SHARE OIL IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY. THE FOUR
GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED, IN PRINCIPLE, THAT SUCH AN
AGREEMENT IS NECESSARY AND DESIRABLE. THEY ALSO HAVE
AGREED THAT THE CURRENT EUROPEAN APPORTIONMENT SCHEME
MIGHT FORM AN APPROPRIATE BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.
THE FOUR GOVERNMENTS ARE WILLING TO ENTER INTO
DISCUSSIONS, WITHOUT COMMITMENT, WITH EUROPEAN COUNTRIES
ON THE SUBJECT OF AN OECD- WIDE VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT TO
SHARE OIL IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY WITHIN THE OECD OIL
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